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AQUATICS.

REGATTAS AND MATCHES TO COME.

- FEBRUARY.**
 18.—Anderson and Platt—to row on the River Irwell, Manchester, for a piece of plate.
 19.—Cambridge University Boat Club—Eight; 2nd and 3rd divisions.
 19.—Oxford University Boat Club—Twisted Eight.
MARCH.
 24.—Temple Yacht Club—Opening trip and Sailing Match.
JUNE.
 30.—Royal Mersey Yacht Club—Regatta.
JULY.
 7.—Royal St. George's Yacht Club—Regatta in Dublin Bay.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE EIGHT-OARED RACE.

There seems to be little doubt now that this year there will be no departure from the almost-customary day, and that the race will be rowed on Saturday, March 19, when the sides will serve a little more favourably than usual, inasmuch as the start need not take place much before noon. Actual work at both Universities may be said to have commenced by the undermentioned crews, in neither of which are many further changes to be looked for—

- | OXFORD. | CAMBRIDGE. |
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| 1. C. P. Roberts (Trinity) | 1. R. H. Morgan (Emmanuel) |
| 2. A. E. Seymour (University) | 2. V. P. Pigott (Corpus) |
| 3. P. P. Beachcroft (Exon) | 3. H. S. Watson (Pembroke) |
| 4. W. Awbery (Balliol) | 4. W. W. Hawkins (St. John's) |
| 5. W. R. Jacobson (Ch. Ch.) | 5. T. Knowles (St. John's) |
| 6. D. Powkington (B.N.C.) | 6. H. Bortwick (Trinity) |
| 7. B. Shepherd (B.N.C.) | 7. J. R. Selwyn (Trinity) |
| 8. M. Brown (Trinity) | 8. R. N. Kingslake (Trinity) |
| G. H. Carr (Wadham) (cox) | G. H. Archer (Corpus) (cox) |

Both crews consist of five heavy men; and when a fortnight's visit to the oars and Abington lasher shall have taken off a little of the holiday flesh we shall give their respective weights. Mr. Parson has not been rowing for the

next few days in the Oxford boat, owing to indisposition, but is shortly expected to rejoin. The Cambridge crew went into strict training on Wednesday next, and there is little doubt will be able to represent Cambridge in a more satisfactory manner than that of last year, though much hard work will have to be gone through. Mr. Hawkshaw, Trinity, President of the boat club, is unwearied in his endeavours to promote success. Messrs. Hoare and Morrison are doing the like on the banks of Isis.

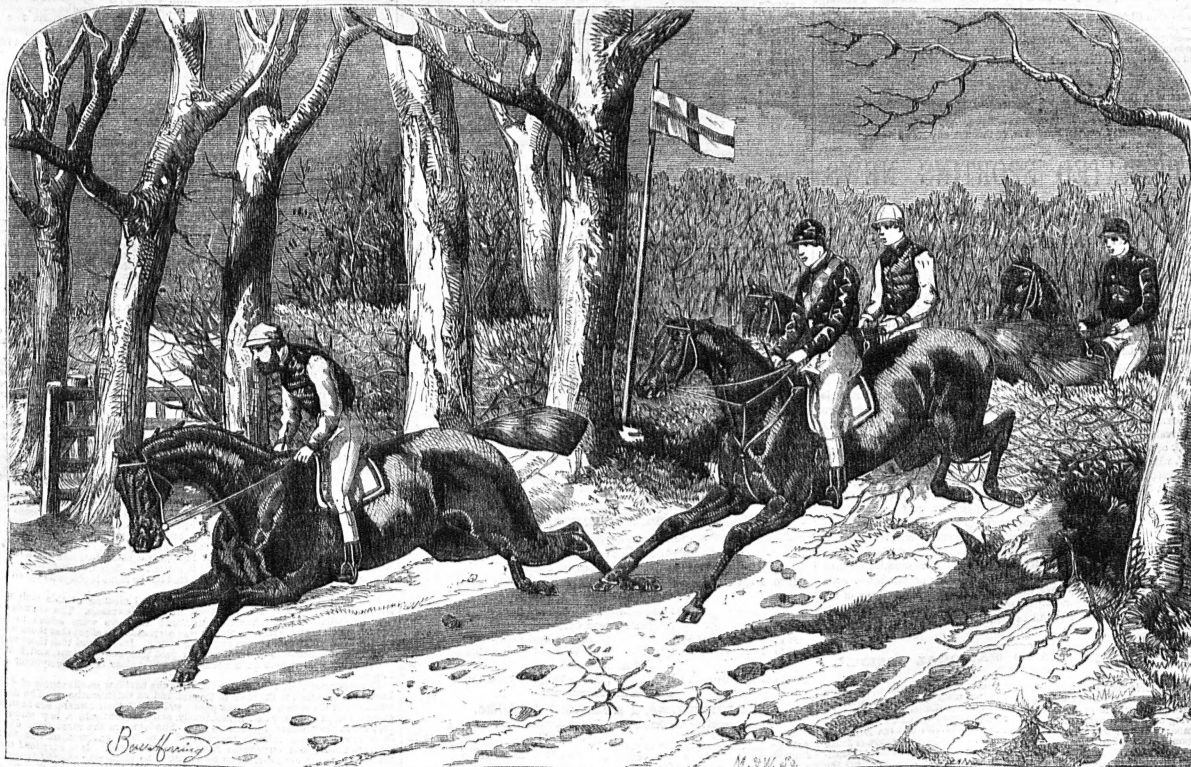
BOAT RACE ON THE IRWELL.

Towards the latter end of last year an agreement was entered into, by which Edward Barratt and John Williamson, to row for £100, in wagers boats, without coxswains. These men have frequently contested events at the Manchester and Salford Regattas, and some, if not all, of their names are favourably known by their performances upon other, and distant, rivers. Those of our readers who take an interest in aquatic sports may remember that this match was originally fixed to come off on the Irwell on New Year's Day, when a spirited race took place for the stakes; but it then ended in a dispute. On that occasion Butler and Williamson rowed past the winning mark about a boat's length in advance of Barratt and Williams, on which the last-named men entered a protest against their successful opponents, on the ground that they had passed on the wrong side of a guiding-boy, placed near the Pomona Gardens. The stakes were consequently withheld until the case had been investigated, and the opinion of Mr. H. Dawes (the referee) made known, all wagers made upon the race being afterwards declared void. Mr. Dawes having inquired into the circumstances, and considered the objection raised by Barratt and Williams, ultimately decided that the men should again row for the sum at issue, and he named Saturday afternoon for the event. Consequently the match came off over the regatta course of the River Irwell up the stream from Throstle Nest, rounding bays placed near Regent-road-bridge and back, the entire distance being about two miles. The water was comparatively still, and the river was again buoyed along the centre. Three o'clock was fixed for the contest, and at that hour a considerable number of spectators had assembled upon the Salford bank of the Irwell, and manifested much interest as to the result. The day was exceedingly fine, frosty, and seasonable, and, as on January 1st, Mr. Dawes again filled the judicial office. Mr. W. Riddell, acting as starter. The betting was 5 to 4 on Butler, though 6 to 4 was wanted. The boats having taken their positions, Barratt's was on the Manchester, and Butler's on the Salford side of the river. Some delay took place, but at length, precisely at a quarter past four o'clock, the

flag was lowered, and the men got off on tolerably even terms. Soon afterwards Barratt took a slight lead, but Butler came up, and, on passing the Pomona Gardens, the boats were bow-and-bow, each crew pulling vigorously. Barratt then again shot a little in front, but he in turn was headed by Butler, and one of the best races ever witnessed up the Irwell resulted in Barratt first arriving at the turning-buoys half a boat's length in advance. Each boat having got fairly round, and when about to commence the return voyage, a collision took place, many persons asserting that Butler had fouled Barratt, the latter subsequently raising his hand to indicate to his friends that he felt confident the stakes would be awarded to him. A large majority of those present then quitted the river bank, being of opinion that the race would again be postponed to a future day. Immediately on the rowers returning to the goal, however, Mr. Dawes summoned one man from each side, and, having heard their statements, he appeared to think that neither crew was free from blame, and he ordered them to row the race over again in half an hour. More than that period having elapsed, the men, for the third time in this disputed contest, appeared at the starting point; it was then quite dark, the only relief from the dreariness of the scene being that the lamps on the high ground at Throstle Nest reflected their rays on the bosom of the Irwell. The betting was 5 to 4 on Butler. At a few minutes before six o'clock a start took place, Barratt gaining a little advantage, but before the competitors had gone over 100 yds. of the distance, Butler deprived him of the lead, though the former struggled gallantly for success. Butler, however, kept on in front, arrived first at the buoys, and went round, though it was questioned whether Barratt did likewise. On the way down Butler and Williamson maintained their advantage, being about three-quarters of a boat's length ahead on passing the Pomona Gardens, and they eventually succeeded in winning this long-pending, and twice-disputed race, by defeating Barratt and Williams by a length and a half.

CLASPER V. PERCY.—This match, for which 20s. a side was down, is off, each agreeing to be "loyal" to his "sovereign." Harry being afraid of a "wind up," and Jimmy of the first "knock down."

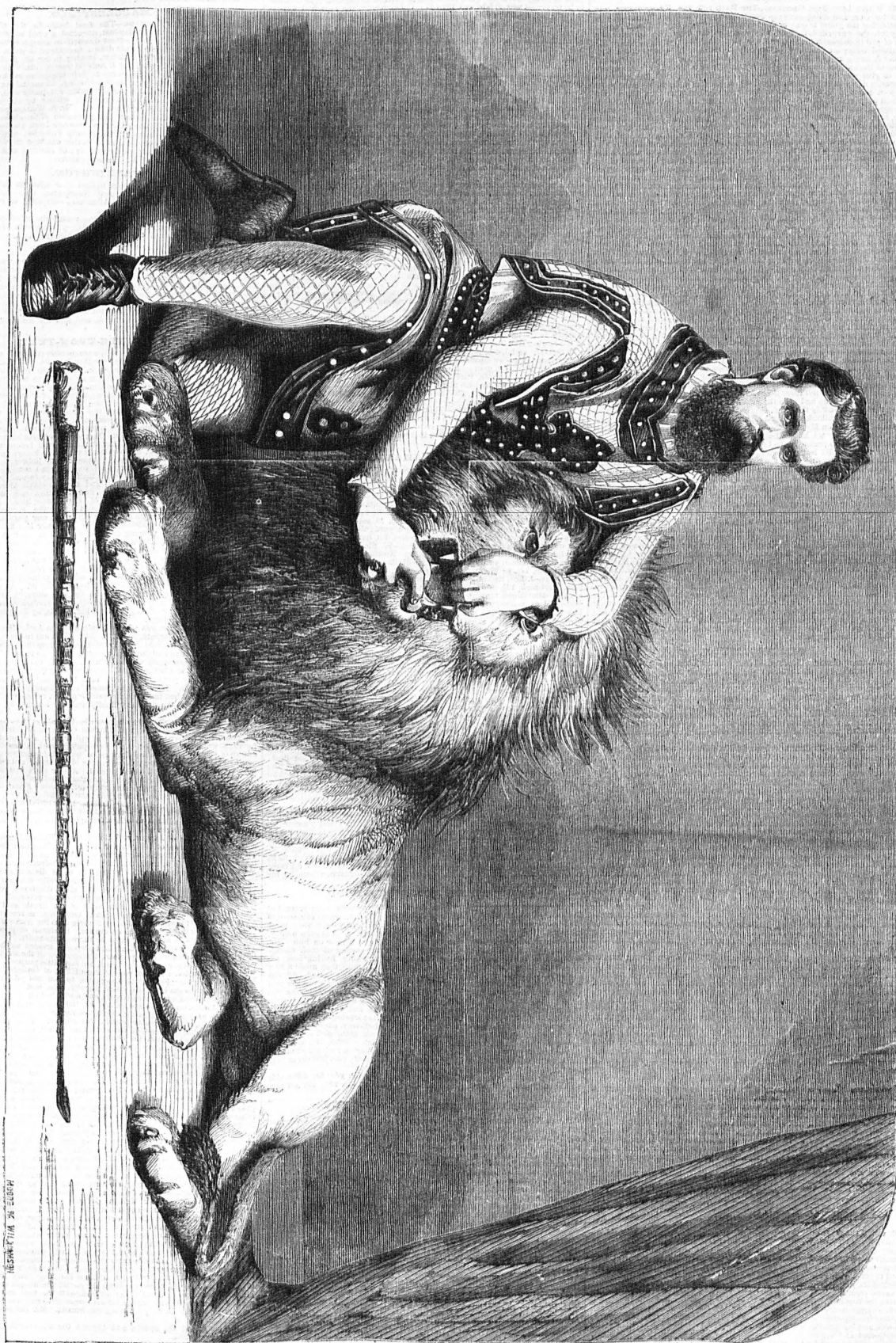
BOAT RACE ON THE WANSEBICK.—JAMES BOYD V. JAMES AULD, OF BLYTH.—Articles and £6 have been received by the stakeholder, for these men to row for £25 a side, on the 27th April, on the Wansebeck. £2 a side was made good on the 6th of February; £2 a side to be made good a fortnight after, at Mr. Redford's; and the remainder of the stakes to be made good on the 16th April. To row according to the laws of boat racing, and to start by the report of a pistol.



THE MIDDLESEX GRAND OPEN STEEPLE CHASE, AT HARROW.

(BY BEN HERRING, ESQ.)

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MR. CROCKETT AND HIS FAVOURITE LION, AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL HALL.

(DRAWN BY OUR OWN ARTISTS.)

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